



Comprehensive Local Coastal Program Update

Community Field Trip #1

SUMMARY

Introduction and Background

The City of Marina hosted a community field trip on April 21, 2025 at Locke-Paddon Park and Marina State Beach. The objective of the field trip was to provide the community with background on what a Local Coastal Program is and specifically discuss the significant Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area in the City. The first stop was at Locke-Paddon Park from 4pm to 5pm. The second stop was at Marina State Beach from 5:15pm to 6:15 pm. State Parks staff joined City staff at Marina State Beach and discussed coastal hazards, biological resources, and public safety. Approximately 10 community members joined the field trip.

Locke-Paddon

The following comments were received at Locke-Paddon Park:

- **Comment #1:** Why call it a Vernal Pond? It doesn't dry up and have annual vegetation. Why not call it a wetland?
- **Comment #2:** Are fewer migratory birds coming through because of the tule growth? There has been a decline in birders at the park.
- **Comment #3:** If it is healthy habitat as is, maybe just open up some windows of freshwater views in front of the benches rather than a wholesale clean-up of the tules.
- **Comment #4:** It would be nice to view the water if it is not detrimental to the habitat.
- **Comment #5:** MPRPD did water quality testing. Quality was good but DO2 (dissolved oxygen) levels are low.
- **Comment #6:** It would be nice to have an ecological report that says which species benefit and which are impacted by the tule removal.

- **Comment #7:** This person used to see migrating birds more often. Are they still here and we can't see them, or has the tule growth impacted their habitat? MPRPD is doing a study on this.
- **Comment #8:** MPRPD receives comments about the public feeling unsafe to walk on perimeter path because of unhoused individuals living in the vegetation.

Marina State Beach:

The following comment was received at Marina State Beach:

- **Comment #1:** The underpass on Reservation Road is dangerous feeling and detracts and discourages people from walking from Marina to the Marina State Beach.

Additional Discussion:

- Remove Monterey Cypress from “major vegetation” definition
- Allow up to 25% trimming of canopy without CDP (even for trees considered Major Veg)